These working groups provide a frame work for cooperation in various ways, including through exchange of information and assessment on terrorism, training and curbing drug trafficking.

Relief package for handloom co-operatives

*397. SHRIMATI S.G.INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a Rs. 1000 crore debt relief package for handloom cooperatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to extend the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to the handloom sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The problem of debt is afflicting handloom co-operatives, therefore, rescheduling of loans availed by the handloom cooperative or cooperatives recapitalization in a manner similar to that done for the Co-operative banks is under consideration of the Government of India.

(c) and (d) The Technology Up-gradation Fund (TUF) Scheme for Handloom Sector has been launched on 31st July 2006 as a component of the existing TUF Scheme of the Ministry of Textiles. The salient features of the scheme are as under:—

I. 25% capital subsidy on purchase of new machinery & equipments, subject to maximum capital subsidy of Rs. 20.00 lakh per project.

II. Covers pre-loom, on-loom, post-loom & quality control activities.

III. Financial Assistance can be availed by National Level Handloom Organizations, State Handloom Development Corporations, Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies etc.

IV. Organizations having minimum 10 handloom or proposing to set up a unit with minimum 10 handlooms under common workshed are elegible for availing assistance.

National Food for Work Programme

*398. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise allocation of funds and quantum of foodgrains supplied under the National Food for Work Progamme (NFFWP) in the last five year, till date;

(b) whether Government have received any requests from certain States, including drought-prone States, for additional amount as will as foodgrains during the said period; and

(c) of so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) National Food for Work Progamme (NFFWP) was launched on 14th November, 2004 in 150 most backward districts in the country. The programme has subsumed in NREGA with effect from 2nd February, 2006. A State-wise Statement giving allocation of funds and quantum of foodgrains supplied under NFFWP during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) No request have been received from the State for additional resources under NFFWP during 2005-2006. However, request for additional funds during 2005-2006 under NREGA were received from